

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel
Minutes
November 20, 2003

Present: USEAP Members - Teri Beck, Starr Foley, Jennie Gibson, Karen Hahne, Sue Hirase, Sharon Lallathin, Lorna Larsen, Stephanie Rich, Colleen Riley, Linda Smith, Corrie Watkins, Jill Weight

Additional Members to Self-Assessment Steering Committee – Patrice Isabella, Matt Lohmeyer, Kate McConaughy, Dwight Moore, Fraser Nelson, Kathy Shaw

USOE Staff – Rebecca Donovan, Nan Gray, Karen Kowalski, Susan Loving, Cal Newbold, Connie Nink, Bruce Schroeder

Welcome and Introductions: Jill Weight thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of Minutes: A suggestion was made that the minutes list guests separately.

Motion: Karen Hahne – Move the minutes of October 9, 2003 be approved as presented.

Second: Linda Smith

Motion passed.

State Special Education Self-Assessment – Nan Gray gave a review of the self-assessment process. Time was then turned over to the five cluster area sub-committees for a brief report of their initial meetings.

Just before Noon the committee linked into a conference call with Shelia Friedman of the Office of Special Education Programs in Washington, DC to discuss the self-assessment process.

After the conference call the remaining cluster area sub-committee reports were presented.

Dates for upcoming conference calls for individual cluster area sub-committees were given to members. Members are encouraged to participate in these conference calls.

-----End of Self-Assessment Steering Committee portion of the USEAP meeting-----

National Dual Disabilities Conference – Karen Hahne attended this conference and gave a brief report.

National Preschool Conference – Jill Weight attended this conference and reported that the conference emphasized the importance of early intervention.

Update on Deaf/Blind State Plan – Corrie Watkins attended this meeting and reported that there is still much work to be done before agreement is reached on a state plan for deaf/blind.

Utah Agenda Update – Bruce Schroeder presented committee members with a draft of the proposed Utah Agenda for Empowering Each Student with Disabilities.

Legislative Update – Linda Smith reported that one thing of major concern for the upcoming legislative session is a bill being proposed to give vouchers for students with disabilities to use to attend private schools.

Linda also showed committee members a video on the Legislative Coalition and Advocating for Change.

Performance Plus – Nan Gray reported on Performance Plus. After the meetings that were held around the state we have been able to add language that will align with state rules and federal regulations for special education and allow for modifications and accommodations.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned. Next meeting: January 22, 2004.